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SUBJECT: IRELAND LUKEWARM ON SWISS UNSC PROPOSAL

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Classified By: Political-Economic Counselor Mary E. Daly; Reasons 1.4 (B) and (D).

(C) On November 3, Post delivered reftel demarche to Brian Cahalane, Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Deputy Director for UN Affairs. Cahalane noted that the Irish response to the Swiss proposal for UNSC reform was "lukewarm at best." He related the GOI's view that the Swiss had been mistaken to float the proposal in the General Assembly without first consulting the P-5. He also observed that while portions of the proposal were worth consideration, other portions could be interpreted as rewriting the UN Charter, particularly those provisions governing UNSC rules of procedure. Cahalane said that Ireland's Perm Rep was scheduled the week of November 7 to meet with his Swiss counterpart over lunch, which would be an opportunity to air Irish views on the proposal. He added that the Human Security Network, a ministerial group to which Ireland and Switzerland belong, would be another channel for discussion.

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